

ADMIRAL IS WILLING TO ADJUST IT

Von Tirpitz Agrees with Other
High German Officials that U. S.
Must Be Satisfied But
Waits for Report

WILSON GOES OVER NOTE TO ENGLAND

Hopeful British Will Make Conces-
sion on Cotton Contraband Or-
der; See Some Signs of
Peace in Europe

By United Press.

Washington, Aug. 30.—The state de-
partment today received a new report
on the Arabic case from Ambassador
Gerard at Berlin. It is thought to con-
tain information in regard to progress
which the German admiralty is mak-
ing in getting news from the subma-
rines. Secretary Lansing refused to
make public the report.

By United Press.

Berlin, Aug. 30.—Admiral Von Tir-
pitz, the head of the German navy,
agrees with Chancellor Von Beth-
mann-Holweg and War Minister Von
Jagow that Germany should adjust all
differences with the United States im-
mediately.

The admiral does not believe, how-
ever, that such an adjustment can be
obtained only through the disavowal
of the acts of the submarine command-
ers and the German point of view. He
hopes that the United States will con-
sider the informal representations al-
ready made sufficient until the official
report of the submarine command-
er who sank the Arabic is obtained.

It is believed that the question as
to whether the sinking of the Arabic
will be disavowed will depend largely
upon the nature of the report of the
submarine commander. Von Tirpitz
was the originator of the German
methods of submarine warfare.

British Steamer Sunk.

By United Press.
London, Aug. 30.—It is reported to-
day that the Germans submarine the
British steamer Sir William Stephen-
son. No details concerning the affair
were given out.

Draft of Note Studied.

By United Press.
Washington, Aug. 30.—While wait-
ing for the official German report on
the sinking of the Arabic, President
Wilson is busy going over the tenta-
tive drafts of the note to London re-
garding the order-in-council and the
cotton contraband decree.

The president thinks there is a
strong possibility that Great Britain
will make concessions when informed,
as he hopes to be able to inform it
that the conduct of Germany in future
submarine operations will be along
the lines embodied in previous Amer-
ican demands.

It is felt in official circles that
events are inclined to take a turn in
the right direction. Not much has
been accomplished and not a great
deal is actually in sight but the feeling
is hopeful with European peace in
view.

CHILD SENT TO HOME.

A woman giving her name as Mrs.
Nettie Hudgins appeared before Judge
R. E. Davenport Saturday and told
him that she was unable to support
her four-months-old boy, Rowd, and
that she wished to have him placed in
an orphan's home. She declared that
her husband had been dead since three
months ago, and that people would
not give her work when they found
that she had a child of her own to
care for. The child was sent to the
Cornish home.

WEATHER FORECAST.
For Oklahoma.

Tonight, fair and warmer in west
portion; Tuesday, fair and warmer.

Local Temperature

During the twenty-four hours ending
at 8 a. m.

Maximum 78

Minimum 49

ANOTHER "CORN STORY."

Four ears of corn, pretty well dried
out, that weighed six pounds and two
ounces is what W. T. Cate of Tabler
brought in to the Chickasha National
bank Saturday. To say the very least,
it was "some corn." The ears were
not up to the length of a foot but they
were of the "big around" variety that
has the weight and the grain. Horace
Walling of Tuttle had an ear on ex-
hibition there that was a foot long and
weighed a pound and twelve ounces.

SWAN SONG IS SUNG BY JOE SMITH

Bootlegger Tells "Boys" Beware of
Booze and Hodge Bailey, on
Eve of Departure for
State Prison

"Boys, take my advice and don't fool
with whisky, for Hodge Bailey will get
you if you do. I believe in enforcing
the law to the fullest extent. Every-
body ought to get his just dues, and I
have got mine." This is taken from a
letter left for the public by Joe Smith
of Verdun, who left Saturday night in
charge of Deputy Castleman for Mc-
Alester. Yesterday was his last day
in the state penitentiary. He will
serve a year and a day with the 1359
other convicts, for bootlegging whisky
in Grady county.

Joe wrote the letter Saturday after-
noon, just after he had bid goodbye to
his wife. He left it with Sheriff Bailey
to be delivered to The Express after
the writer was in the penitentiary. The
letter is addressed to "The Chickasha
Express, the Bootleggers of Grady
County and the Citizens of Verdun." It
follows in full:

"I take pleasure in writing all a few
lines in regard to my past life in Okla-
homa for the last ten years. I have
had some great experiences in the
liquor traffic but this is one to be re-
membered by me. Have heard of peo-
ple being jobbed some, but can't say
so in this case. Everything is all
right. Everything ought to get their
just dues and I have gotten mine. Only
the good people of Verdun think I
should be sent to the electric chair.
Not saying anything about my wife, I
think I have the best wife in the
world. I also love my lawyer and the
people of Chickasha for what they
have done for me. I also like Mr. Ven-
able, the prosecuting attorney, and I
also like the judge, especially Judge
Linn. I think I have some friends in
Chickasha and I also like every one
around the jail. Mr. Bailey is a gen-
tleman and also Mr. Castleman and the
jailer and everyone else. I believe in
enforcing the law to the full extent but
this is one time I got off light.

"Mr. Venable gave me some good
advice, saying among other things, to
leave the liquor traffic absolutely
alone. It looks pretty hard for a man
to have to leave his home and give up
all he has made to serve one year and
one day. But it is the will of the peo-
ple of Verdun for this to be so. Boys,
take my advice and don't fool with
whisky for Hodge Bailey will get you,
so God bless you all is my prayer.

"Yours respectfully,

"JOE SMITH."

COURT ASKS FOR BRIEFS

Judge Will Linn of the district court
has asked the state and the banks to
turnish briefs on the matter of taxa-
tion of banks owning state building
bonds. Attorney Melton for the banks,
that are appealing from the action of
the county equalization board and
Smith & Matson, assistant attorney
general, argued the case before Judge
Linn Saturday afternoon.

The banks are seeking exemption
from taxation on capital and surplus in
an amount equal to the amount of state
building bonds they own. This was
given them, it is declared, by a statute,
but it is thought that the legislative
enactment is unconstitutional. If the
banks lose their contention, Grady
county revenue will be increased some
\$60,000. The First National alone owns
\$180,000 in the state paper. A deci-
sion is expected within two weeks.

RETREAT OF RUSSIANS MENACED

Austro-German Move Threatens
to Cut Off Three Hundred
Thousand Slavs from
Czar's Armies in North

TAKE LIPSK AND ARE NEAR GRODNO

Evacuation of Last Stronghold Ex-
pected Within Week; Another
Big Strike of Miners Im-
minent in England

By United Press.

Berlin, Aug. 30.—The Austro-German
offensive in the southeast of the bat-
tlefront about Warsaw threatens to
cut off two hundred thousand Russians
from the armies in the north, accord-
ing to reports received here.

The Russians continue their retreat
between Kovel and Lusk and at Brody
and Vilna. The Slav line has been
broken in the north near Kovno and
it is reported that Prince Leopold's
forces have almost overtaken the flee-
ing Russian right wing.

Approaching Grodno.

By United Press.

Merlin, Aug. 30.—The Germans have
taken Lipsk, which is twenty miles
east of the forts defending Grodno, ac-
cording to reports received today.

The evacuation of the last strong-
hold defending the Petrograd-Warsaw
railway is expected within a week.

Urge Coalition Cabinet.

By United Press.

Petrograd, Aug. 30.—At a meeting
in Moscow, members of the Duma or-
ganized and urged the formation of a
coalition cabinet to direct Russian af-
fairs till the end of the war.

Reservists Go Insane.

By United Press.

Naples, Italy, Aug. 30.—Nineteen
Italian reservists enroute from Amer-
ica on the liner Canopic went insane
as a result of worrying over their pos-
sible fate.

By United Press.

London, Aug. 30.—Officials of the
coal miners' organization are confer-
ring today with members of the cabi-
net and they predict a general strike
of two hundred thousand miners in
Wales unless the dispute is decided at
the conference.

The sentiments expressed at a ma-
jority of the miners' mass meetings
Sunday favored a walkout unless an
agreement is reached today.

BELIEVES MAN WAS MURDERED

Mrs. Ethel O'Brien, wife of the Nin-
nekah mail carrier who was declared
to have killed himself on June 26, still
believes firmly that her husband was
murdered. She believes it so firmly
that she has offered a reward of \$500
for the arrest and conviction of the
man who did the deed. She visited
the office of Sheriff Hodge Bailey this
morning and signed the offer to pay
the sum just as soon as the culprit
has been brought to justice.

"No, I don't believe for a minute
that my husband killed himself," Mrs.
O'Brien said this morning. "There is
some pretty good evidence, I believe,
that he was murdered, and I am will-
ing to pay this sum to the person, or
persons who will bring the man to jus-
tice."

O'Brien was found dead in his home
with a bullet in his head on the morn-
ing of June 26, shortly after his name
had been mentioned in connection with
some neighborhood scandal. He was
staying alone at the time, his wife and
children having gone for a visit to re-
latives in Texas. An examination by
officers resulted in the decision that
he had met death at his own hand.

READY TO ADVANCE AT FALL OF NIGHT



Italian troops in a thickly wooded district awaiting the coming of night to make an advance on the Austrian position.

SEASON FOR MELONS IS WOUND UP

Sixteen Buyers Gather in Cheaney
at One Time Saturday En-
route for Home Offices
in North

The strange coincidence of sixteen
big melon buyers gathering in the
same hotel at the same time, each re-
presenting a different house, was found
at the Cheaney hotel Saturday. The
men were returning to their headquar-
ters after spending the season deliver-
ing Oklahoma melons to the consum-
ers in northern cities.

One man was a commission broker
from Tyler, Tex. He was buying for
himself and selling to jobbers in the
north wherever the demand was best.
All the others were representing some
house in the north, one of them, R. W.
Day of Chicago, having bought
throughout the season for Gamble-Rob-
inson Co. of Chicago, with wholesale
houses in seventeen northern cities.

This year's melon crop was good in
quality but it was not 50 per cent of
what it usually is in quantity, accord-
ing to the opinion of a number of buy-
ers. Wet weather and the late sea-
son were responsible for it, the men
thought, the Oklahoma crop being
some three to four weeks later than
it ordinarily is.

The highest price is paid for 35-
pound melons. This year's Oklahoma
crop ran from 24 to 27 pounds, buyers
declared. However, the price brought
was much better than that for the av-
erage year. None of the men knew
of a car's selling for less than \$70.
One car load brought \$160 and the av-
erage estimated at about \$110.

The crop is now about finished up,
the buyers declared. Only a few more
loads will be shipped out, not enough
to keep the men here from all parts
of the north. It was only the unex-
pectedly abrupt ending of the season that
permitted the sixteen men to be regis-
tered at the same hotel at the same
time, all of them leaving the field for
their homes offices.

The following buyers were the ones
registered at the Cheaney Saturday:
B. W. Day of the Gamble-Robinson
house, Chicago; D. E. Twogig, inde-
pendent buyer, Tyler, Tex.; H. E.
Freeman of Freedman Bros., Chic-
ago; Harry Horwitz of the Shafon Co.,
Chicago; Reeder and Steinberger, re-
presenting Chicago firms; Theodore
Drake of the O'Brien Commission Co.,
Chicago; W. R. Grand, St. Joseph, Mo.;
Frank E. Rieman of Rutz Bros., Man-
kato, Kan.; W. F. Rogers, Lincoln,
Neb.; Chandler, Beatrice, Kan.; "Uncle
Bill" Allwright, Burlington, Ia.; Frank
Coopes, Muskogee, Ia.; "Doc" Gay of
Coneville, Ia.; Muntz, Kansas City. R.
E. Starnes is still here. He will re-
main several days before leaving for
headquarters in Louisiana.

Less than two hundred cars have
been shipped from Grady county this
year. In fact, only 171 loads have left
Grady county towns and Cement com-
bined, something more than half of
the crop from the latter point being
supplied from this county.

The amount shipped so far this sea-
son as given as follows: Rush
Springs 70, Verdun 1, Chickasha 1,
Norge 2, Laverly 6, Ninnekah 30 and
Cement 61.

GRADY GETS \$10,000 FOR SCHOOLS

More than ten thousand dollars were
received in Treasurer Mullican's office
the last of the week from the state
department as Grady county's part
of the state school land money and
of the state apportionment of other
funds for school purposes. The school
land money amounted to \$6339.60.
That received from the other fund was
\$3,698.10.

According to reports from the state
capital the first apportionment of
school funds by the state land commis-
sion for the current fiscal year ending
June 30, 1916, amounts to \$559,000, or
90 cents per capita for the public
school population. The next appor-
tionment in January, 1916, will be con-
siderably larger and the prospect is
that the total for the year will be
greater than for any previous year in
the history of the state.

The revenue from the school lands is
constantly increasing and the sales
this year of considerable quantities of
school lands will give a new impetus
to this increase, since school lands
will give a new impetus to this in-
crease, since lands sold, in inter-
est on notes for deferred payments, al-
ways exceeds the rentals received
from the same lands.

CONDITION OF COTTON

By United Press.

Washington, Aug. 30.—As reported
by the crop bureau today the condi-
tion of cotton on August 25 was 62.9
per cent of the normal.

Only Tennessee and Missouri show
an increase over last year. The de-
crease in condition in Texas was
twelve per cent.

Loses Thumb and Finger in Planer

P. M. Gibson of Gibson & Dotsa,
blacksmiths, lost a thumb and a finger
and has another finger badly mangled
as a result of an accident in his shop
at 9 o'clock this morning. He was
working on the planing machine when
his hand was drawn into the machine
and the thumb and one finger cut al-
most off.

Dr. Walter Penquite dressed the in-
jury. He declared at noon that he
believed the second finger could be
saved. The thumb and first finger
were amputated.

PRODUCTS OF GRADY AT FRISCO

Frank M. Gault of Board of Agri-
culture Asks Cooper to Fur-
nish Part of World's
Fair Exhibit

Grady county is not only to be re-
presented at the state fair in Okla-
homa City, where its products will be
placed in competition for first prize
with more than fifty other counties,
but its farmers will furnish a part of
the exhibit which is to be sent to San
Francisco within two weeks to show
to the world what place Oklahoma oc-
cupies among the agricultural states
of the union.

Agent Cooper received word Satur-
day from F. M. Gault, president of the
state board of agriculture, stating that
he wanted some of the best exhibits
that the state could produce to send
to Frisco and that he was looking to
Grady county to furnish a good part
of the exhibit.

One glass exhibition jar has already
been filed for the world's fair. It con-
tains fruits from the orchard of Fred
Kreutz of west of town. In the same
jar are six different kinds of grapes,
two varieties of peaches and five of
apples. Duplicate jars were arranged,
one of which will make up a part of
the Grady county collection in the
county and state fairs.

More exhibits are coming in this
week than Mr. Cooper and his clerk,
Miss Sharp, know what to do with.
They are "almost buried in corn," one
of them expressed it. One of the local
cotton companies has offered storage
room and the ears and stalks are to
be moved the first of the week.

Exhibits of a new kind of corn were
brought in by Thomas Stottman of
route No. 2 this morning. It is a spe-
cial kind of silo corn, bred especially
for the purpose of corn growers in the
north. One stalk had four ears on it.
Mr. Stottman declared that the com-
pany would give a dollar each for any
stalk that did not have at least two
ears, and he had not yet found one
that was worth the dollar. The ear is
small and white, maturing before the
stalk dries.

The first exhibit of cane and tater,
its came in the last of the week. More
was coming in this morning. The first
came from Tom Chorlson of Keechi.
C. P. Baker brought in the first cotton
of the season this morning. He de-
clared he had twenty acres on which
there was an average of from twenty
to thirty mature bolls to the stalk. He
has pure Mohave cotton seed, and he
thinks it pays well to plant the pure
stuff. He also had some yellow corn
which he declared he had been breed-
ing up to for six years. It was among
the best that has been brought to the
office. Mr. Baker also had some kafir
that showed prize winning traits.

MUSCULAR PENMAN MEETING.

By United Press.

San Francisco, Aug. 30.—Two hun-
dred teachers of the swift business
style of muscular movement penman-
ship as applied of late years in the
public schools of America, are attend-
ing the convention of American Pen-
manship Teachers' association.

TRAVELING HOSPITAL IN FRANCE

Completely Equipped Train Pro-
vided by Princess Christian for
Service in War Zone; Ca-
pacity for 400

CANADIANS CARED FOR ACROSS CHANNEL

Duchess of Connaught Heads
Red Cross in Ministering to
Maimed "Indians" Coming
from Battlefields

BY WILBUR S. FORREST.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
London, Aug. 18.—(By mail.)—The
finest travelling hospital in the world
is somewhere in France today.

Known as the "Princess Christian
Hospital Train," it was built from sub-
scriptions solicited by the sister of the
late King Edward, who provided a
similar equipment, though smaller,
during the Boer war.

Every requirement necessary for the
care of 400 desperately wounded sol-
diers is provided in eight coaches of
the 700 foot conveyance. Six addi-
tional carriages provide lounging quar-
ters for the sick and slightly wounded
on their way to base hospitals from
the front. Several coaches are equip-
ped with beds, a kitchen, lockers, hot
and cold water and electric and gas
appliances, including illumination.

Another affords sleeping accommo-
dations for nurses and doctors, while
another is a complete operating room.
Hundreds of details throughout the
moving hospital are supplied from the
latest knowledge of hospital and surgi-
cal supplies. If necessary it can be
sidetracked at an isolated way-station
near a battle front and be employed
as a stationary hospital.

A joint committee of the leading
railways of France and England sup-
erintended the construction of the
train at Birmingham.

Much has been said of the famous
American hospital of Paris but little
is known of the "American hospital of
London."

In the Duchess of Connaught's Cana-
dian Red Cross hospital at Clivedon
Wood, on the Thames, scores of
nurses and 42 doctors from Canadian
and American cities care for the Cana-
dian "Indians" as they come wounded
ed and torn from the battlefields
across the channel. There are tennis,
golf, billiards and quolls for the on-
valent and the true Canadian idea
of food, fresh air and laughter to con-
dition the wounded men again for the
ever-waging struggle from which they
came. Patients are fed on fresh eggs,
plump chickens and jam and biscuits
direct from Canada. They are given
the open air treatment as soon as pos-
sible, and most any day can be found
a fleet of rolling beds flanking a foot-
ball field nearby, where ston pure
Canadian football is the order.

The new hospital, which is being en-
larged to care for 500 patients, is re-
garded as a model of hospitals in Eng-
land. It is equipped with light, airy
operating rooms, medical and surgi-
cal stores, laboratories and x-ray rooms,
embracing all the latest in medical
science.

"It makes you homesick for Cana-
da," said one Canadian recruit today.
He got it in the leg in France and with
two crutches he was playing football,
his chief desire being to kick the ball
with his injured leg.

Mail advices from Ghent, Belgium,
tell that Germans sentenced Countess
Dejongh Dardoye, aged 18, to three
months' imprisonment recently.

She was walking in Ghent with her
grandmother and both were wearing
medals with King Albert's picture. A
German officer tore the medals from
them, saying: "Away with that king
without a country."

The countess picked up the medals,
and answered hotly: "We Belgians
prefer a king without a country to an
emperor without honor."

She was immediately arrested and
subsequently sentenced by court mar-
tial.

Cecil Colbert, editor of the Alex
Tribune was in the city today on bus-
iness.